



St George's Hospital Charity  
leaving a legacy

## Leaving a gift to St George's Hospital Charity

Being a supporter of St George's Hospital Charity can take many forms.

Supporting a charity that has touched your life is such a meaningful way to help others. The hospital charity aims to 'enhance the patient experience' and the charity's mission is to raise and use charitable funds to benefit patients, support healthcare staff and improve facilities within the St George's family, which includes St George's and Queen Mary's Hospitals and community services in south west London.

This leaflet sets out to explain what difference legacies have made to the hospitals, to patients, and to families. We want to provide some examples of how St George's Hospital Charity trustees have recently responded to the wishes of legacy donors.

Making a gift in a will is a very personal matter and one which can balance providing for loved ones alongside a gracious gesture to support charitable endeavours. Your solicitor is able to guide you on such matters.

Here is a wonderful example of how a legacy has helped the hospitals. We have maintained the donor's anonymity which is something we will always respect.

*Miss A recently supported the hospital through her will which enabled trustees to commit to a new day unit for cancer patients.*

*The space in the existing unit was insufficient for the growing number of patients and with the help of the legacy gift, the charity was able to make all the difference to expanding treatment space and making the time spent receiving chemotherapy more private and comfortable.*

## How your gift could help

Here are just some of the ways a gift in your will could make an important difference:

- Helping fund new spaces, areas and rooms
- Providing state-of-the-art medical equipment
- Making the patient experience even better through additional therapies and services that only the charity can fund
- Supporting research that enhances local, national and international knowledge
- Giving staff additional training and development



*A local grandfather, Geoff Morris, explains his reason for leaving a gift to St George's in his will. "My family has been coming to St George's for generations, both my parents were treated here and all my grandchildren were born here. Now that I have provided for my grandchildren in my will, I want to give something back to St George's for all the care we've received over the years."*

# How to make a will

If you are making a will for the first time we recommend you contact a professional adviser, usually a solicitor, who is experienced in such matters. Leaving money to a charity in your will can make financial sense too because charitable gifts are exempt from inheritance tax, so it can reduce the tax on your estate. Your financial adviser can help you with the latest in estate planning.

Whilst the charity cannot give you advice on how to create a legacy, we can certainly let you know about what exciting work is taking place to continually transform the hospitals you are loyal to.

# How to talk to us

If you would like to talk to us about the St George's Hospital Charity, you can write to us at the address below, phone us on **020 8725 4522** or email us at **[giving@stgeorges.nhs.uk](mailto:giving@stgeorges.nhs.uk)**

To find out more about St George's Hospital Charity, please visit our web site **[www.stgeorghospitalcharity.org.uk](http://www.stgeorghospitalcharity.org.uk)**, follow us on Twitter **@givingtogeorges** or on Facebook **[facebook.com/givingtogeorges](https://www.facebook.com/givingtogeorges)**.

Thank you so much for helping St George's Hospital and Queen Mary's Hospital, and the community services that form part of St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.



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